

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, June 6, 2001
6:00 – 6:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Mary Martin, Susan Rasmussen,
Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Clark County Clean Water Commission Member Absent

Robbie Agard

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese, and Earl Rowell

Facilitator

Vaughn Brown, Jeanne Lawson Associates

Introduction:

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and facilitator, were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review:

The material for tonight's meeting include:

1. June 6, 2001 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda;
2. June 6, 2001 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Agenda;
3. May 16, 2001 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes;
4. May 16, 2001 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Notes;
- 4A. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals (From Year 2000 Annual Report);
- 4B. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals Draft 5/16/01;
- 4C. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals and Measurable Activities Draft 5/16/01;
- 4D. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals and Measurable Activities Draft 5/16/01;
5. Clark County Clean Water Commission Performance Measures Draft 6/01;
6. Sample Cleaning up our water, Clean Water Program, billing insert.
7. May 29, 2001 Memorandum from the Office of Budget and Information Services;

- 7B. Clean Water Task Force: Potential Grant Related Resources;
8. May 22, 2001 E-mail from Robbie Agard with response;
 9. May 23, 2001 E-mail from Department of Ecology regarding Magic Apple award; and
 10. May 18, 2001 Article from The Columbian regarding the Sammy Awards.

5/16/01 notes:

The notes from the 5/16/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting were approved as written.

Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies:

Mr. Rowell: CVTV has asked the County to do a Close up Story regarding the Clean Water Program. I have suggested that one or more members of the Clean Water Commission participate in that discussion. The goal is to have video of the various program activities. Those would include, development of the stormwater ordinance, code enforcement inspectors in the field, monitoring in the field, the development of a computer model and public education and outreach activities.

Mr. Kemper: I sent all the Clean Water Commissioners an e-mail briefly explaining what CVTV is doing and requested that if there was any information anyone would like to have in the report to bring it up at this time.

Mr. Steinke: I would encourage recommendations to the public on do's and don'ts that they can do to clean up the water.

Mr. Rowell: We are sending Commissioner Bourlet and possibly one other member of the Clean Water Commission to a training session, on Thursday June, 21 from 8:30 – 4:30 in Olympia. The Environmental Training Center and Washington Department of Ecology will give this training. It is a fairly intense one-day work session to learn all one can about water quality. If anyone is interested in attending this workshop let me know.

Mr. Kemper: I went to the Clark County Public Works Web site and pulled up the Stormwater and Watershed Resources information. There are four pages of information including, the NPDES permit, contact, what's happening, and a summary of program activities.

Mr. Kemper: I received materials from the Building Industry Association of Washington, in which a professor of Fisheries Resources and a Biologist remarked about the high salmon population. They noted the fact that we are having the highest salmon population in 50+ years and Endangered Species and National Marine Fisheries have not figured out how to set the criteria for recovery and harvest other than they took the harvest from 7% and increased it to over 16%. The majority of the large environmental groups are using their fund raising in excess of 40 – 75 % of their actual dues.

Mr. Ek: I read recently that 92% of Washington is undeveloped.

Mr. Kemper: Other input?

Mrs. Rasmussen: I think June 10th is a meeting regarding a database Cory Samia is starting with teachers.

Mr. Kemper: How was the Student Watershed Summit?

Mr. Bourlet: It was excellent the presentations were great. It is amazing the knowledge that these kids have, the testing they do, and what they can find out. They do have patterns of streams that they check over a period of time.

Mr. Stubbs: My question to each of the groups was, has this changed your attitude? And they all agreed that yes it had. My next question was how many of are still washing your car in the driveway, how many of are still using pesticides and fertilizers. Many of them said yes, they are still washing their cars in the driveway and are using pesticides and fertilizers. So it really hadn't changed their lifestyles in any way.

Mr. Stubbs: I don't believe that we are doing behavior modification at all.

Mr. Ek: Did any of you get a chance to be a judge or participant?

Mr. Stubbs: I wasn't supposed to be, but I was.

Adjourn

Mr. Kemper adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

June 18, 2001: Clean Water Fee bills mailed.

July 3rd Last work session with Vaughn Brown, Facilitator. *Note meeting day is changed due to a Holiday on the regularly scheduled meeting day.

July 31, 2001: Clean Water Fee bills due.

September: Begin work on 2003-2004 budget

September: Begin/revisit looking at the process for developing the Annual report and Modifications to the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost

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